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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - October 1, 2007

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Adam Joseph Phipps was sentenced today in federal court in San Diego by United States District Court Judge Larry A. Burns to serve 97 months in custody based upon his guilty plea to an indictment charging him with possession of child pornography, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(4)(B). Judge Burns also ordered that Phipps serve a 10-year term of supervised release and required Phipps to register as a sex offender.

At the time of his guilty plea on May 25, 2007, Phipps admitted that on or about January 10, 2007, he possessed a computer containing more than 600 images of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct.

According to court documents, the case originally came to the attention of authorities when co-workers complained that Phipps was showing them disturbing pictures of young girls that he had obtained from the internet. After a search warrant was executed on Phipps' residence, his computer was found to have more than 100,000 images of children engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

DEFENDANT

Case Number: 07cr0162

Adam Joseph Phipps

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 18, United States Code, Section and 2252(a)(4)(B) (Possession of Child Pornography)

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San Diego Sheriff's Department
Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force
Federal Bureau of Investigation